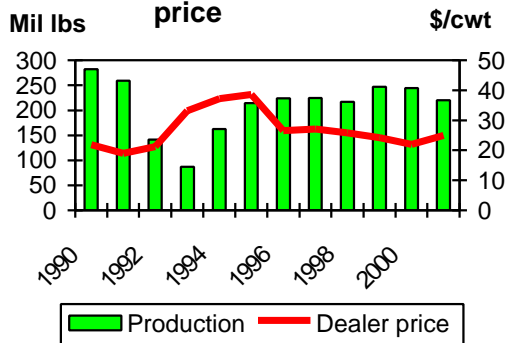


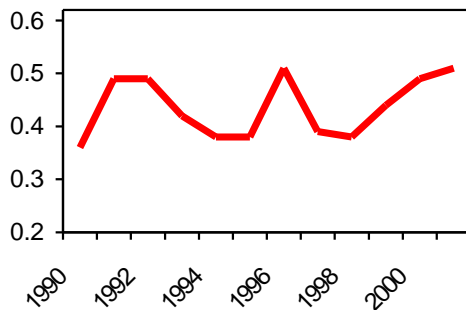
## Dry Beans: Great Northern Beans

### Great Northern output and price



### Great Northern per capita use

Pounds



During 1998-2000, Great Northern beans were the fourth largest class of dry beans produced in the United States, with 8 percent of total bean output. Nebraska accounts for 85 percent of national output followed by Idaho and Wyoming.

In terms of U.S. domestic demand, Great Northern is one of the steadiest classes of dry beans with per capita use little changed since the 1970's. About two-thirds of Great Northern beans are sold in canned form with the remainder in dry packaged products. These beans can be used in a variety of food dishes (e.g. baked beans, soups) and can be substituted for white beans in a variety of recipes.

In the United States, Great Northern beans are grown commercially in 5 states. On an average annual basis (1998-2000):

- Great Northerns are harvested from 117,500 acres.
  - Yields are about 2,012 pounds per acre.
  - Production is about 2.4 million cwt.
  - Estimated crop value is about \$40 million.
  - Domestic use is about 110 million pounds annually.
  - Per capita use is 0.4 pounds, the same as the 70's.
  - Supermarket sales total more than \$35 million.
  - The U.S. is a net exporter of Great Northern beans.
- In 1999, exports were 68 million pounds (\$15 mil.).

The United States exported 28 percent of its Great Northern bean supplies during the 1990s. Although slightly higher than the 1970's, this was down from 39 percent during the 1980's, primarily reflecting a sharp reduction in exports to Iraq caused by the Gulf War.

See [Vegetables and Specialties Situation and Outlook Report](#) for more information on Great Northern beans.

U.S. Great Northern beans: Supply, utilization, and price, farm weight, calendar year, 1970-01 1/

Year	Supply				Utilization				Per capita use		Season-average price 6/	
	Production 2/	Imports 3/	Beginning stocks	Total	Exports 3/	Seed use 4/	Ending stocks 5/	Total	Annual	3 year average	Current dollars 1/	Constant 1996 dollars
	Million pounds								Pounds		\$/cwt	
1970	143.0	0.0	70.0	213.0	52.5	4.6	75.8	80.1	0.4	--	--	--
1980	212.1	0.0	106.6	318.7	133.1	6.9	82.7	96.0	0.4	0.3	35.13	61.21
1990	282.2	0.0	61.5	343.7	140.8	7.4	104.8	90.7	0.4	0.3	21.94	25.36
1997	225.1	2.5	95.6	323.2	102.2	6.0	110.8	104.2	0.4	0.4	27.07	26.56
1998	217.3	0.7	110.8	328.8	123.5	6.1	95.6	103.6	0.4	0.4	25.84	25.06
1999	246.9	0.2	95.6	342.7	68.3	7.2	146.6	120.6	0.4	0.4	24.25	23.18
2000 f	244.8	0.2	146.6	391.6	80.0	7.0	170.2	134.4	0.5	0.4	--	--
2001 f	220.0	0.2	170.2	390.4	104.0	6.5	137.5	142.4	0.5	0.5	--	--

-- = not available. f = ERS forecast.

1/ Includes both fresh and processing beans. 2/ Source: USDA, NASS. 3/ Source: Bureau of the Census, USDC.

4/ Seed use is estimated by ERS. 5/ Approximated from Nebraska's dry bean marketing pattern. Assumes no carryover into next crop year. 6/ F.o.b. dealer (wholesale) prices. Constant dollar prices calculated using the GDP implicit price deflator, 1996=100.

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